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# Press Release

## ***Hialeah Mayor Speaks to Educational Leaders From Across the Nation***

**Hialeah, Florida** – This past Saturday, Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina, addressed over 100 school board members and municipal leaders from across the nation at the CUBE (Council of Urban Boards of Education) at an Issues Seminar held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Miami. The CUBE group met in conjunction with the US Conference of Mayors Summit and the National Association of School Boards meeting this weekend as a compliment to education.

Mayor Robaina spoke on a panel to highlight the close ties the City of Hialeah has formed with the Miami-Dade County School Board and how working together has had a positive affect on Hialeah's students. Upon Taking office in 2005, Mayor Robaina established a COMPACT with MDCPS. The COMPACT is a joint commitment from both parties to raise academic standards, build on past strengths and current programs, and to generate innovative ideas to enhance the lifelong educational experience of students and City residents.

Mayor Robaina went on to explain how educational clusters were developed to enhance educational services geographically, the establishment of "Reading Corners" at several City of Hialeah Parks, the creation of an Educations and Community Services Department within the City to handle the public's academic needs, the expansion of the Creative Learning & Play program from 3 original sites to 12, the establishment of the Mayor's Educational Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Scholarship Fund which in it's first year awarded two 4-year college scholarships to Hialeah students. The City's most ambitious project to date is the opening of a Career Academy in August 2008, which will allow students to get their high school diploma while exploring a career in civil service such as becoming a policeman or working within the Fire Department.

The Mayor added that these programs are only half of the equation, many social aspects need to be taken into account when "improving education" such as working with the school board to increase safety in school zone traffic areas, conduct joint training exercises between Hialeah SWAT and M-DCPS SWAT in preventing and responding to school shooter violence scenarios and hosting several Back-to-School Immunization events which up to date have served over 1,500 children. The City of Hialeah and the School Board have also been working together in the construction of new schools, such as Westland Hialeah High School, including planning and design.